

Title (en)

ARTIFICIAL REEF WITH CORRODIBLE IRON INSERTS

Title (de)

KÜNSTLICHE RIFFANLAGE MIT KORDIERBAREN EISENEINSÄTZEN

Title (fr)

RECIF ARTIFICIEL COMPORTANT DES PIECES RAPPORTEES EN FER OXYDABLES

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Abstract (en)

[origin: US5807023A] An artificial reef (10) that can provide a safehaven for small aquatic life and promotes phytoplankton growth (37), of which phytoplankton is food for the small aquatic life. The reef (10) includes at least one tubular vehicle tire (12) having a wall (14) that defines an exterior (16) and a hollow interior (18). The wall (14) includes oppositely situated sidewalls (20) that are interconnected by a treadwall (22) to provide a substantially U-shaped radial cross-section (23). At least one elongated corrodible iron insert (24) is inserted through each wall (14). Each insert (24) has a first end (26), a second end (28) and a center (30). The first end extends into the hollow. interior (18), the center (30) is securely positioned through wall (14) between the exterior (16) and the interior (18), and the second end extends externally of the exterior (16). The insert (24) is preferably a nail, but may be a staple or other shape. The inserts (24) may have varying iron contents to control the insert corrosion rates. In use, the inserts corrode to promote rapid phytoplankton growth. Additionally, the phytoplankton consumes carbon dioxide during the rapid growth. The hollow interior provides a safehaven for the aquatic life who feed on the phytoplankton.

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